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Vietnam resumes imports of U.S. beef, with conditions

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Report Highlights:

The Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) has agreed to resume imports of U.S. beef, subject to certain conditions. The beef must be boneless, not originate from Washington State, and be consumed only hotels and restaurants.

Includes PSD Changes: No
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The Department of Animal Health of the Vietnamese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) provided the Office of Agricultural Affairs in Hanoi on October 5, 2004 with an official notice stating that henceforth it will allow the import of boneless beef from all U.S. states with the exception of Washington State. The notice states that the beef must be consumed only in hotels and restaurants, and subject to inspection by the Department of Animal Health.

Provided below is a translation of the Department of Animal Health/MARD notice:

BEGIN TRANSLATION:

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development	<i>Socialist Republic of Vietnam</i>
Department of Animal Health	-----

No 1021/TY-KD	
<i>Subject: Inspection of Beef Imports</i>	Hanoi October 5, 2004
<i>from the United States</i>	

To: U.S. Embassy in Hanoi

On September 20, 2004, the Department of Animal Health submitted an official letter No.961/TY-KD to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) for comment regarding imports of beef from the United States.

On October 1, 2004, the Department of Animal Health received a response from the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development regarding the aforementioned matter.

Henceforth, the Department of Animal Health agrees to carry out import inspection of beef for companies wishing to import boneless beef from the United States (except beef from Washington State) to be consumed in hotels and restaurants.

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- Dr Cao Duc Phat, Acting Minister (for reporting)
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- DAH's Administration unit for filing

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